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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1868.

The Union League of Philadelphia. Six years ago, amid the darkest and most despondent period of the entire war, a number of gentlemen, loyal in thought and action, met together in our city to organize an association which would give pecuniary aid, moral influence, and social status to the cause of earnest Unionism. On that day was born the Union League of Philadelphia. It at once sprang into maturity. Its roll of members grew daily, its finances became most flourishing, its strength herculean. No other organization in the United States did so much to aid the success of the Union cause as it did. With the success which crowned its labor in the field came a new struggle in behalf of the principles for which it had poured out its money in the war days. It has continued battling against treason in peace as earnestly and successfully as it has against treason in war. Last night it held its sixth annual meeting; and we are glad to say that never in its history was it in a more flourishing condition than at present. Numbering within a trifle of eighteen hundred members, it contains on its roll almost all of the representative men of the Republican party. The membership extends over all the State and even into neighboring States. It has added nearly two hundred new members during the year, to make up for deaths and resignations. Its treasury is overflowing, the Treasurer's account showing a balance of nearly eighteen thousand dollars of receipts for the past year over all the expenses. In fact, its future looks brighter to-day than ever in the past.

The officers of the association were chosen last night, a list of whom, with the report of the Board of Directors, will be found in another column. The selection of Hon. Horace Binney, Jr., as President gives universal satisfaction. He is identified with the institution and with the loyal element, and is popular both with his contemporaries and with the younger members of the association. The League was wise in retaining many of the old board of officers. They are all tried and experienced, and have managed the League so well in the past that it is a deserved and wise compliment to retain them in the future.

G. F. T. Triumphant.

At last the door of the dungeon in which the great George Francis Train was incarcerated has creaked on its unwilling hinges, and the victim of British tyranny has come forth. The "Lion" has grown terrified at the fearful and vindictive threats poured on its devoted head by its prisoner, and as a consequence G. F. T. has been released. Now, is the conduct of that honorable gentleman such as we would have expected from his character? We answer, "Only partially so." George says that he was illegally imprisoned; that the debt for which he was arrested was but the pretense of a jealous government which desired to see him kept where he could do it no harm. Now, if this be true, George Francis should have refused, like St. Paul, to leave jail until the Queen came in person and besought him to do so. Still more should he have refused to pay the debt unjustly claimed. Yet it seems that he did neither the one nor the other. He paid the debt and gladly left prison, without the presence of the Queen. But he acted true to his convictions in one respect. He immediately sued the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, laying his damages at \$100,000, and the Vale Steel Company for \$20,000 damages. We judge the latter is the relentless creditor at whose instance he was arrested. But lest valor should exceed discretion, he does not wait the issue of his suit, but takes passage for America in the Australasian, and is to-day on the briny deep. We suppose the Fenians will welcome him with green arches and make out of him a martyr.

The Spanish Insurrection.

The latest intelligence from Spain is that the insurrection of the Republicans in Cadiz has been suppressed. The insurgents have given up their arms, and quiet has been restored, for the present at least. How far this outbreak was due to Republican enthusiasm it is impossible for us to know at this time, but the strong probabilities are that it was instigated and encouraged by the secret agents of persons who desire to take advantage of a general disorganization to seize upon the power of the State. The postponement of the elections, too, makes it appear as if the members of the Provisional Junta, who now have control of the Government rather by means of force than the popular will, are scheming to advance their own interests and not those of the nation. Every hour of delay increases the danger from such outbreaks as that of Cadiz, and gives the enemies of liberty opportunity to foment disturbances and discontent among the people, who are growing impatient of the present unsatisfactory state of affairs. Under all the circumstances, the course of the Provisional Junta at this time seems nothing less than criminal. They have apparently done nothing towards organizing a permanent government since they have had the management of affairs, and they are either incompetent for the task that they have undertaken, or they seek to subvert their own selfish interests rather than to promote the welfare of the people. The friends of liberty throughout the world cannot look upon the present situation of

affairs in Spain without concern. The revolution began so well and promised so much that perhaps our hopes and expectations were too much excited, and the triumph of despotism after all will be the more grievous disappointment.

The Renunciation of the Soldiers.

There will take place to-day, at Chicago, a renunciation of men who have faced danger together, who have undergone defeat together, who have triumphed together, and now meet to pledge the continuance of their friendship begun in the field of battle. The officers of the Grand Army of the West, including the forces which did such noble service in Tennessee, Georgia, and Mississippi, will hold a meeting at the Lake City to show they still remember each other. The plan of such a celebration is peculiarly appropriate. These men were friends and companions through years of war, and they have separated to the four quarters of the continent. They have entered every profession and trade. They are no longer soldiers. They are lawyers, merchants, editors, authors, bankers, and every honorable avenue of labor has its representatives among them. Yet at the name of the old organization they all hasten to join together. They leave their different employments and celebrate the days of "auld lang syne" in festivities at Chicago. There will be present there Generals Grant, Sherman, Sheridan, and Thomas, together with a host of other leaders. Admiral Porter also goes to represent the navy; and from what we know of the gentlemen who are hastening to that assemblage, we feel sure it will be an event long to be remembered, and a custom to be kept in the future.

REPUTATION has been brought into disrepute, even with the Democracy, by Andrew Johnson's fantastic scheme for payment of the national debt by a wholesale confiscation of the interest. Yesterday a resolution pronouncing it, in all its forms and degrees, as "odious to the American people," passed the House of Representatives by a nearly unanimous vote. The days were six in number, and they deserve to be placed on the record. The names of this shameless set of repudiators are George M. Adams, Asa P. Grover, Thomas L. Jones, and Lawrence S. Trimble, of Kentucky; Stevenson Archer, of Maryland; and William Mungen, of Ohio. All of them are Democrats, as a matter of course, and all but the last named are representatives of constitutions which are still, at heart, engaged in a warfare upon the Union. Andrew Johnson has just cause to be proud of his company.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

[For additional Special Notices see the Inside Pages.]

JOHN B. GOUGH Will deliver his popular Lecture, CURIOSITY, AT THE

ACADEMY OF MUSIC, MONDAY EVENING, December 21. This Lecture has been delivered but once in Philadelphia. During the past season it has been entirely revised, and is now his popular lecture.

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PETROLEUM V. NASBY WILL DELIVER HIS CELEBRATED LECTURE, "CURSED BE CANAAN," REVISED AND REWRITTEN, AT THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC, WEDNESDAY, December 16, 1868, IN AID OF THE WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND, POST NO. 2, G. A. R. Tickets for sale at the Academy and at TRUMPETERS. 12 15 16 19 21 22 23

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